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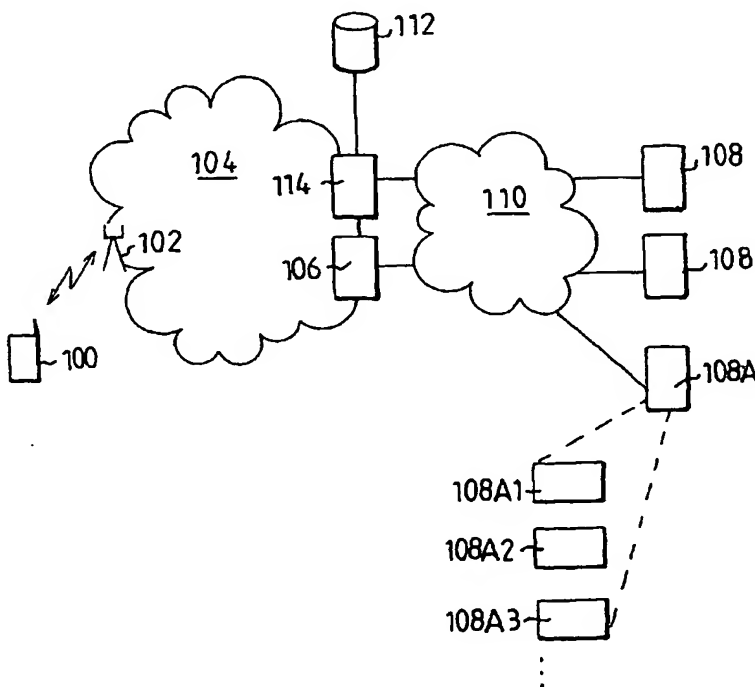
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for exchanging user-specific data from a mobile network (104) to a service application (108A1) needing certain user data for providing a requested service to a mobile user (100). A unique Application User Identification (AUID) code is generated and assigned to a combination of the mobile user and the application. The assigned AUID code is then sent to the application. A request for the needed user data is received from the application together with an AUID code. It is then determined whether the application is allowed to retrieve the requested user data. If so, the requested user data is retrieved based on the received AUID code, and is sent to the application. The procedure may be implemented in a single data control server (114), enabling efficient control and communication of user data between a mobile network and service applications.